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CORRESPONDENCE.

HONGKONG WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—Is nothing going to be done? Is there no one sufficiently energetic, or influential, or both, to make an effort and get things started?

I was most interested in Mr. Wilkinson's able letters and in your leader on the subject, and have been continually expecting to hear of some scheme being evolved, but nothing further seems to have happened. Perhaps some of our leading men, banking and otherwise, already have the matter in hand, but, if this is so, could not some announcement be made?

There are many calls on our purses in these days but, after all, a War Savings Association merely provides a channel for the regular investment of small sums of money for patriotic purposes. It does not mean donations, nor does it entail the locking up of large sums of money which might be more advantageously invested in other ways.

The lists for the Hongkong Government War Loan are now closed, so that the establishment of a War Savings Association cannot affect the subscriptions to that loan. Perhaps those who might have led in the formation of a War Savings Association had private knowledge of the coming of the War Loan and held their hands for this reason. If so, any necessity for holding back has now disappeared.

I would willingly invest \$30.00 per month myself in this way, and, if the scheme were properly worked, the aggregate monthly total from Hongkong would reach a considerable figure and would be a most acceptable regular contribution to the Home Government.

We in Hongkong can do very little except in the way of supplying money. A War Savings Association provides the necessary machinery for collecting money easily and regularly, and "silver bullets" are a prime necessity to the Allies.

As soon as a scheme of this nature is really taken in hand, arrangements could easily be made for details, such as (1) Employers arranging to deduct the staffs' contributions from salaries and paying those contributions to the Association in one lump sum at the end of each month; (2) Payment being made for stationary, clerical labour and expert supervision, which would represent a very small charge, comparatively, if the scheme were well supported; and so on.

Could you, sir, or Mr. Wilkinson, take steps to ascertain, roughly, what sums would be subscribed every month, what monthly expenses would be incurred, and whether an Association cannot be started without any further delay?

All of us ought to welcome a War Savings Association, and it should be inaugurated now.

Enclosing my card,

Yours truly,
WOULD-BE INVESTOR.
Hongkong, November 14th, 1916.

THE DECIMAL SYSTEM.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—In my letter of yesterday's date on the above subject and in that portion describing the "octave" system there is a printer's error. I said that in the octave system "half of 1 is 4," but you have made me say "half of 1 is 4." My explanation of the system is not so clear as I should have liked it to be, and your error makes my meaning still more obscure.

I should have said that in the octave system, the numbers nine and ten are left out and number eight is written 10, the notation being the same as the old ten, thus:—

Name one two three four five six seven eight, Figure 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 10.

The following table of vulgar fractional equivalents will at once show the simplicity of the "octave" as compared with the "decimal" system:—

Equivalents of vulgar fractions in the decimal and octave systems.

Vulgar fraction.	Decimal fraction.	Octave fraction.
1/2	0.5	0.4
1/4	0.25	0.2
1/8	0.125	0.1
1/16	0.0625	0.04
1/32	0.03125	0.02
1/64	0.015625	0.01
63/64	0.984375	0.77

Yours faithfully,
FLEBIE.

Hongkong, November 15th, 1916.

PLAGUE RATS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—The announcement in your issue of even date is undoubtedly a startling one, but it is not any more so than Mr. Trautman's statement that a general rat-disinfecting campaign would probably be undertaken in Kowloon. It is certain that the one plague rat killed in Kowloon is not the only one in existence, and equally certain that residents of Kowloon should not have to wait until they can compete with Victoria regarding plague rats killed. Yours faithfully,

PRO BONO PUBLICO.

Kowloon, Nov. 15th, 1916.

HONGKONG MAGISTRACY.

BRASS.

For bringing 548 catties of brass, valued at \$150, into the Colony without a permit, a junkmaster was fined \$50, and the consignees, who were Chinese, were fined \$25.

ARMS OF THE LAW.

A Chinese of the coolie class purloined a canvas chair in the Wanchai district on Tuesday evening, and commenced to run away. He ran into the arms of a Chinese Police Reserve, and sentence of one month's hard labour and four hours' stocks was passed.

\$8,000 FINE.

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. Hazeland in connection with the finding of 84 taels of opium by the Kowloon searchers. One of the men, alleged to be the employer of the other, was found in possession of 54 taels. The other was found with 30 taels, which were tied round his waist and legs.

The supposed employer was fined \$8,000 with the alternative of twelve months' hard labour. The other defendant, a coolie, was discharged.

THE "MAIMED BEGGAR."

Inspector Brazil revealed a glaring example of how charity is often abused. A Chinese was charged before Mr. Wool with begging, and the Inspector said that he had sent the man away from the Colony several times, but he had always returned, with his arms bound to his side, sometimes a stump of an arm would be exposed, and his head would be heavily bandaged. The man was a fraudulent beggar, and the stump was merely a bundle of rags.

Sentence of fourteen days' hard labour was passed.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The following telegram has been received by the American Consulate-General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory:—

9.30 a.m., Nov. 15th.

Cyclone or typhoon E. of southern Luzon, direction unknown.

THE LATE ADMIRAL KENNEDY AND THE CHINA WAR.

The late Admiral Sir William Robert Kennedy, G.C.B., who died on October 9th, entered the Navy in 1851. In 1856 he came out to China in the *Calcutta*, flagship of Sir Michael Seymour, and served in her through the China War, taking part in all the important operations until the summer of 1860, when the ship was ordered home. He was present at the capture of the Chinese war junk in Fatahan Creek, on June 1st, 1857, at the bombardment and capture of Canton in December of that year, being during the winter in command of the *Calcutta's* pinnace, attached to Macao Fort during the blockade of the river, before the burning of the factory at Canton. Distinguished even as a boy by high spirits and a daredevil temper, he has himself told of how in his pinnace he one day attempted to attack the whole Chinese fleet in the Fatahan Creek, and of the imminent danger in which he found himself in consequence, till happily relieved by the admiral's tender. The rashness was a boyish error, but the spirit and courage which he had shown commended him to his seniors and won for him his promotion to lieutenant, which was confirmed by the Admiralty on Dec. 8, 1857, the day of his completing six years' service. He was at the capture of the *Taku* Forts in May, 1860, besides taking part in several minor engagements; his services being rewarded with the China medal with clasp for Fatahan, Canton, and Taku.

WHAT IS A FAIRWAY?

MR. POTTER AND COLLISIONS IN CHINESE WATERS.

The question as to what is a fairway was again argued before the Chief Justice (sitting in Admiralty Jurisdiction) and Commander Beckwith, R.N., Assessor, at the Hongkong Supreme Court yesterday. The argument was a sequel to the action, heard some months ago, in which the *Shui On* Steamship Company claimed \$100,000 from the Standard Oil Company, for damage caused by a collision between their vessel, the *Shui On*, and the oil lighter *Ruth*, in the West River on the night of January 15th, 1915.

Mr. Sharp (for the plaintiffs), who addressed the Court all day on Tuesday, continued his remarks. He contended that one foot of water underneath a vessel was quite sufficient for navigation purposes; and their vessel had this water under her at the time of the collision. The West River steamers were deep draft boats; they were the deepest draft boats which went up the West River and passed over the Kongmoon bar.

Mr. Potter introduced a new point in the case in the course of his address. The collision, he said, took place in waters belonging to China, and, therefore, they were not governed by Hongkong navigation laws. If the *Ruth* was liable at all, by what law was she liable? The only answer was, by Chinese law. And if they were outside the regulations, which were international in their character, and inasmuch as the collision took place in waters outside the jurisdiction of that Court and within the jurisdiction of China, their liability could only be decided by Chinese law. Of course they had no evidence of Chinese law. That point was not a novel one. It had been taken over and over again that there were no regulations appropriate to the collision. The Chief Justice—But do not these regulations cover all ships carrying the British flag?

Mr. Potter—Yes, my lord, with possibilities, but this vessel, the *Ruth*, was carrying the American flag.

Dealing with the contention of the plaintiffs that the *Ruth* was lying in the fairway and lying near the fairway. He was entitled to argue that the *Ruth* was lying near the fairway, and, as a matter of fact, they had not heard any argument about that up to the present moment; whether the *Ruth* was lying in or near the fairway. Mr. Sharp's case was that the *Ruth* was lying in the fairway. He (Mr. Potter) was going to rely on the fact that the *Ruth* was near the fairway, and that the other side had not proved their case. They had not proved any allegation which they had made, and unless the Court disbelieved the whole of their (defendant's) evidence, the other side had not even commenced to prove their case. Counsel went on to contend that the definition of a fairway was not where a ship could navigate; that a fairway was merely a place where there was sufficient water for a ship to navigate. That would be absurd, and he would give a local instance. His lordship, and all of them who went to Fanling, knew Au Tau Bay. This was full of fishermen's stakes which, at high tide, were submerged. At high tide, also, any Hongkong launch could navigate in Au Tau Bay. If, while navigating in those waters, a launch ran into the stakes, could it be contended that all the stakes should be pulled up; that it was a fairway? The position would be absurd. And, remembering this, they also had to bear in mind that the *Ruth* was hard and fast aground. Being hard and fast aground, they also had to say whether the *Ruth* was or was not in the fairway.

The hearing will be continued to-day.

EDUCATION IN CHINA.

As a preliminary step for the promotion of education in the provinces, the Minister of Education has considered it necessary to establish an independent organ in each of the provinces to look after educational affairs. Following the precedent of the T'ing dynasty, when a special commissioner was appointed for each province for educational affairs, the Minister of Education is considering the proposal of the establishment of an educational Bureau in each province. The provincial authorities have been consulted on the subject and most of them have expressed themselves in favour of it. The plan will be carried out as soon as Parliament passes it.

SPORT.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

2ND DIVISION.

NAVY (R) v. 87th COY. R.G.A.

The meeting of these teams provided a very fast, interesting game. In the first half neither side scored, but in the second no fewer than six goals were registered. The sailors took the field with only ten players, but the missing man arrived shortly afterwards, and the sailors soon got busy. Their forwards were in great form and were a source of constant anxiety to the opposing defence for a long time. Hopper, who started at outside right, was especially dangerous, continually putting in fine shots and passes. The soldiers now and then broke away and Saunders looked like scoring, but until well into the first half the honours were decidedly with the Navy, although they did not score. Hopper had very hard lines on one occasion, hitting the cross bar with a fine shot. Just before half-time the 87th Company got going, and Saunders on three occasions neatly put his side ahead.

The second half was full of excitement. Saunders opened the scoring for the Army by accepting a nice pass from the left wing and sending a good shot into the net. Palmer equalised. The sailors then put in four shots in succession, all of which the opposing custodian dealt with successfully. The game then transferred play to the other end, and Gorman scored with a really brilliant shot. This put the sailors behind again and they hastened to bring things equal once more. In this they were successful. Palmer again doing the trick. Hopper, who had been doing excellent work all through the game for the sailors, now met with his reward, and had the satisfaction of putting his side ahead for the first time. It was getting dark and looked like a win for the Navy, when the soldiers once more found the net. Cox, at outside left, this time having the honour. Both sides struggled hard for victory in the short time remaining, but there were no further goals, the game ending in a draw of three goals each. Referee, Mr. McPherson.

FRIENDLY.

88th COY. R.G.A. v. 89th COY. R.G.A.

With the object of discovering fresh talent, if possible, these teams met in a friendly game on the Navy Ground yesterday. They both had out what might be called experimental sides, and the result, at least as far as the 88th Company were concerned, must have been rather disappointing. Play was fairly even, although the 88th Company managed to find the net three times while their opponents failed to score. Both sides shot very poorly and the defence, especially that of the 88th Company, left much to be desired. The players were handicapped by a very glaring sun and an erratic wind, which caused the ball to do strange things at times. All the goals fell to Downs, who scored two in the first half and one in the second, the last from a scramble in the goal mouth following a corner. Result:—88rd Coy. R.G.A. 3; 89th Co. R.G.A., 0.

HOCKEY.

VOLUNTEERS v. NAVY.

The following will represent the Volunteer "B" team in their match with the Navy at Happy Valley to-day:—C. A. Goldenberg; C. C. Hickling and M. L. Raiton; E. G. Thompson, R. C. Wittchell and G. H. Haskett; J. Stalker, R. G. Southerton, B. D. Evans (Capt.), J. V. Braga and H. S. House. Bally-off 4.15. Volunteers in white.

SHANGHAI RACES.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The rainfall overnight made the going very heavy at the Shanghai Autumn Races on the 8th inst., when the Championship was run off. The race attracted seven starters, of which Beaconsfield was a distinctly strong favourite, with Castlefield second in demand. Towards the close the contest was between Beaconsfield, Black Diamond, Castlefield and Winsome Dahlia. Entering the home straight, Black Diamond had the upper hand of Beaconsfield, but Castlefield and Winsome Dahlia then made determined efforts. At one time it seemed as though Castlefield might overhaul the leader, but Black Diamond had the race well in hand, and won rather comfortably by two lengths. Winsome Dahlia was third, one length behind Castlefield, and Beaconsfield was fourth.

The members' sweep closed at 11 a.m. with 10,000 tickets sold and this accelerated the opening of an extra sweep. This is the largest sweep on record in the history of Shanghai racing and the seven per cent. deduction will make a valuable addition to the War Funds.

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By Order,
J. R. LYNESSE,
Secretary.

Councils' Offices,
Tientsin, 4th November, 1916. [1384]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

HUGHES & HOUGH.

By Order of the Mortgagees.

MESSRS. HUGHES & HOUGH have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
ON THURSDAY,
the 23rd day of November, 1916, at 3 p.m.,
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INTIMATIONS

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G. TISDALL,
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NOTICE.

WE hereby announce that the CANTON-SAMSUI RAILWAY, after the Board of Communications having bought four-sevenths of its interests from the Provinces of Hunan and Hupeh, still has three-sevenths of its Shares belonging to the KWONG TUNG YUEH-HAN RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

It was agreed with the Board that the Government, as a shareholder, should appoint a Director while the undersigned should designate a Manager to co-operate with the Director to administer the affairs of said Railroad. Therefore, all cheques for payments receipts, agreements of purchase and other documents of the Director shall be countersigned by the Manager representing the interest of the undersigned, otherwise they are Null and Void. The present Manager is Mr. LAUKAMKONG. By Order of Committee,
KWONG TUNG YUEH-HAN RAILWAY CO., LTD.,
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Canton, 9th November, 1916. [1368]

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W. E. ROBERTS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 20th October, 1916. [1307]



NOTICE.

ANY EUROPEAN, Non-Asiatic or Indian desiring to leave the Colony should apply in person at the CENTRAL POLICE STATION between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

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MARRIAGE.

TROOD-DEAR.—At Putney-hill, on October 7th, Capt. FRANK TROOD (D.C.L.I.) to MILDRED HELEN, daughter of late E. E. DEAR, of Hongkong.

DEATHS.

GURRAY.—At London, on October 8th, LUNA, wife of MAURICE E. GURRAY, and daughter of late R. Sassoon, M.V.O.

HOOTON-SMITH.—At Chingay, Surrey, on October 2nd, HENRY ROBERT HOOTON-SMITH, formerly of China.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, 16th NOVEMBER, 1916.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION.

INVITATIONS are now being issued to British subjects in the Colony to join the Constitutional Reform Association and thus support the movement for giving the public a more effective voice in the management of their affairs. We hope the response will be general and immediate, so that, with as little delay as possible, steps may be taken in the proper quarters to show that the local community was really in earnest when it signed the recent petition to the Secretary of State. It is not, of course, to be expected that everyone who is eligible will enrol himself as a member. There are doubtless some who will abstain because, from their point of view, the existing order of things is perfectly satisfactory; others, because they are fearful of any change, no matter what it may be; and others, yet again, because they will prefer to "wait and see" what measure of success is likely to be attained before identifying themselves with the movement. This is all the greater reason why those in sympathy with the objects of the proposed Association should send in their names forthwith. It is at once the least and the best which they can do to support those who have been fighting their battle, and are prepared to continue the struggle until the goal is reached. Numbers count, and we do not want to put it within the power of the opponents of reform to argue that there is no general

demand for increased representation in the government of the Colony and that the agitation is artificial. They would be quick to do so if the opportunity offered. The records of the past show that dissatisfaction with the Constitution dates from the very foundation of the Colony, and the modest measure of popular representation which we enjoy to-day has only been won by persistent effort. If our predecessors had been content meekly to accept rebuffs such as that which has recently been administered by Mr. BONAR LAW in his capacity as Secretary of State for the Colonies, it is tolerably safe to assume that the Executive and Legislative Councils would have been composed to this very day solely of Civil Servants. Surely in this more democratic age we are not going to show less spirit and determination than those whose tenacity of purpose in years gone by wrung from a reluctant Government Department one concession after another.

It will be remembered that when the recent petition was being prepared for submission to the Secretary of State objection was raised in some quarters to the limited nature of the proposed electorate. It was felt—and with good reason—that the Chamber of Commerce and the unofficial Justices of the Peace were not sufficiently representative of the community, and H.E. the GOVERNOR, in his covering dispatch, sought to make capital out of the same point. The reason for selecting the two bodies named was, of course, that they had hitherto been entrusted with the responsibility of choosing the two elected members of the Legislative Council, and it was deemed politic to follow the line of least resistance. Now that the petition has been dismissed so curtly by Mr. BONAR LAW, this consideration no longer possesses the same weight, and a wider franchise, we think, may be substituted with advantage. This, however, is a matter for the new Association, when formed, to settle at a general meeting; indeed, it will be observed with satisfaction that in the circular, which is being issued to all those who are on the Sanitary Board Voters' List, the public are not asked merely to register their approval of a cut-and-dried scheme, but are left for to thresh out among themselves the details of the new petition which it is proposed to address either to the Secretary of State for the Colonies or the House of Commons, as may be thought expedient. At the same time it is suggested that steps should be taken to press upon the Home Authorities the claims of Hongkong to be represented in the promised-Imperial Conference which will readjust inter-Imperial relations and shape our post-war trade policy. It is obviously desirable that the Crown Colonies, which collectively form an important asset of the Empire, should not be overlooked when these important questions are under discussion, and that, if any system of grouping be resorted to, it shall be carried out in such a way that the different circumstances obtaining in the various territories may receive proper consideration. These activities do not by any means exhaust the possibilities of the Constitutional Reform Association, which is designed, also, to serve a very useful purpose in keeping a watchful eye upon matters of local interest and importance and in stimulating the growth of a healthy public spirit, the absence of which has so often been deplored.

A mail for Europe via Siberia closes to-day at 3 p.m.

The P. and O. outward mail steamer *Mooltan*, with the London mails of the 2nd inst., arrived at Port Said on the 12th inst.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 4th November amounted to 64,265 tons and the sales to 74,541 tons.

The tender has been accepted for the reclamation scheme which is to be carried out by the Kai Tak Company at Kowloon, and the work will be commenced in a week's time.

The public are informed that the Christmas and New Year Parcel Mail to the United Kingdom will be closed at the General Post Office at 5 p.m. to-day. This mail is due in London on the 24th December.

The sale by auction of Inland Lot No. 836, a valuable leasehold property at Monk Kok Tsui, Kowloon, is announced to take place at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's sales rooms on the 23rd inst.

Mr. J. R. Brenton, inspector of shipwrights, and Mr. C. E. Tucker, inspector of electrical fittings, Hongkong Dockyard, on returning home, have been posted to Rosyth Naval Base for similar duties.

The following gentlemen have been elected non-resident fellows of the Royal Colonial Institute:—Lieut. J. C. Bosulton, Shanghai; Mr. H. S. Jephson, Hongkong; and Mr. Robert Thomson, Bangkok.

As the result of his recent pianoforte recital at the Peak Club Mr. Denman Fuller has sent (after paying the charges in connection with the Club and defraying the cost of printing, etc.) \$104.20 to the Blue Cross Fund and \$340.16 to the Prisoners of War Fund.

The death has taken place at Crouch End of Mr. John Cumming, who was a member of the editorial staff of the *Westminster Gazette* from its foundation in 1893, until a few weeks ago. Born 67 years ago near Aberdeen, Mr. Cumming was for a time in Hongkong, and then joined the London Press, on which he worked for over 35 years.

It is reported from New York that Mr. George A. Kyle has been engaged as engineer in charge of location and construction of the railways to be built in China by the American International Corporation and the Siemens-Carey Railway and Canal Company. He will work with officials of the Chinese Government in deciding upon the lines to be built.

The London Correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* hears that Lord Kitchener's famous collection of Oriental china is now in the Victoria and Albert Museum, and it is probable that it will be put in public exhibition. It will be remembered that by his will Lord Kitchener made the collection, which was one of the passions of his life, an heirloom in the Kitchener family at Broome.

Last night Miss Glory Taft and Mons. Duprez, the well-known entertainers, opened a short engagement at the Bijou Theatre. Their visit was eagerly anticipated was manifest from the crowded "house" and the enthusiastic nature of the reception accorded the artists, whose every "turn" was greeted with demands for a reappearance. Miss Taft has a voice of fine quality and a quality of home in songs of a sentimental character and those in a serio-comic vein. She was recalled again and again and was the recipient of numerous bouquets from the audience. Mons. Duprez is a vocalist of the dramatic order, and, although his songs were for the most part in French, he succeeded in arresting the attention and eliciting the hearty plaudits of the audience. Several episodes in the serial film "The Million Dollar Mystery" were successfully screened.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

The following circular-letter is being issued by the promoters of the above Association:—

You are invited to join the above Association, which has the following objects:—

1.—The sending of a fresh Petition to the Secretary of State for the Colonies or to the House of Commons upon the subject of greater representation of the public on the Executive and Legislative Councils of this Colony. The details of such Petition and the constitution of the body of electors will be determined hereafter by the Members of the Association at a General Meeting.

2.—The pressing upon the Home Authorities of the claims of Hongkong to be represented on any Imperial Council or Association to be formed, and also to express its views now upon post-war trade policy.

3.—And generally the active support of all matters which are of general public interest and importance to Hongkong.

INDIAN CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.

GREATER POPULAR REPRESENTATION SOUGHT.

A memorandum signed by 10 elected members of the Imperial Legislative Council has been presented to the Viceroy advocating constitutional changes after the war. It is understood (says *The Times* correspondent at Simla) that the document advocates the early establishment of self-government and the introduction of the elective principle in the case of the Executive Councils, with increased Indian membership, and a sweeping reduction of the representation of the Civil Service in the Legislative Councils. It is stated that the signatories include no representative of the principal fighting castes or of the Punjab.

THE WAR.

THE BRITISH OFFENSIVE.

GREAT TACTICAL ADVANTAGE GAINED.

GERMANY PREPARING FOR BIG EFFORT.

HOW GERMANY UNDER-ESTIMATED THE "OBSTINATE BRITISH."

MAN-POWER IN CROWN COLONIES.

Franco-Belgian Front.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE BRITISH OFFENSIVE.

ENEMY "PURSUED, HAMMERED AND BEATEN."

PARIS, November 15th.

One of the foremost French correspondents at British Headquarters, telegraphing from Amiens, said that the army showed in yesterday's offensive that its power was undiminished by protracted fighting in bad weather. The Thiépval salient had always been an awkward point, and the British objective was to break the Beaumont-Ancre-Schwaben line, and to aim repeated blows at the enemy. The British advantage in morale was increased yesterday by an element of surprise. No fewer than five German trench lines, with barbed wire entanglements, were between the Ancre and Beaumont Hamel. The latter was a much more formidable stronghold than Thiépval. There was a splendid dashing infantry attack on a four mile front, this being preceded by a brief, but extremely violent, artillery bombardment.

The Germans, evidently thinking that the artillery was a barrage, remained in their dug-outs and were captured in large numbers. The fourth enemy line was rushed within eighteen minutes, and all the objectives were attained. "When I left the battlefield" adds the correspondent, "the enemy was being pursued, hammered and beaten, and he did not attempt to recover himself."

MANY BRITISH CASUALTIES.

LONDON, November 15th.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says that the capture of St. Pierre Divion in the course of yesterday's attack is important, as it handicaps the enemy, who was obtaining his ammunition stores across the drift. It is a fairly large township. Miraumont will now become closely beset on two sides. The feature of the assembling of the large number of prisoners was their coralling in advanced "cages." Otherwise, the barbed wire compounds were in a sheltered situation near the firing line. The Officers and men were in separate "cages."

The British casualties were many, but they were fewer than in the July advance.

VICTORY WON BY HOME TROOPS.

LONDON, November 15th.

The Beaumont Hamel fortress system is described by correspondents as being the strongest in the whole line, comprising an extraordinary maze of trenches, with caves as big as Buckingham Palace, in the midst of which the village is situated. It had proved impregnable to the heaviest explosives. The British up to the present have won no such victory against greater odds.

The prisoners are curiously pallid in appearance, due to the fact that they have been leading a dug-out existence, coupled with their fear of existence by day. This has bleached many.

The attacking infantry was practically confined to Home troops. The losses were comparatively slight. One English battalion took 300 prisoners, the same battalion not suffering much more than 100 casualties.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CONSOLIDATING.

LONDON, November 15th.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports:—The ground won yesterday north of Ancre was secured during the night. More prisoners have been taken.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE BRITISH OFFENSIVE.

ITS OBJECT ACHIEVED.

LONDON, November 14th.

Experts agree in congratulating General Sir Douglas Haig on his brilliant strategy, the success of which completes the objective of "the big push," annihilating a whole system of defences which the Germans considered impregnable, and increasing the enemy's difficulties to man the trenches.

Yesterday's victory wipes out the so-called Beaumont salient and enables the British for the first time to continue operations on a fairly wide front.

The importance of this extension of the offensive is increased by the fact that it is likely to wreck the German staff plans of scraping every regime that can be spared in France for an attack on Roumania.

St. Pierre Divion and Meumont Hamel, which the infantry rushed, are described as fortresses stronger than Port Arthur or Sevastopol.

BRITISH ADVANCE CONTINUED.

OTHER 5,000 PRISONERS.

LONDON, November 15th.

Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We have captured Beaumont-sur-Ancre. Our prisoners are considerably over five thousand and more are arriving.

We made a successful local advance to the east of Butte de Warlencourt and all our objectives were gained. Eighty prisoners were taken there.

UNPRECEDENTED GERMAN ADMISSION.

LONDON, November 14th.

To-night's German communiqué admits the British capture of Beaumont Hamel and St. Pierre Divion, with the lateral connecting lines.

It adds:—"The stubborn defence caused us important losses."

The latter admission is almost unprecedented.

FRENCH FRONT.

COMPARATIVE CALM PREVAILS.

PARIS, November 14th.

A communiqué says:—There has been lively artillery firing at Pressoire.

An enemy attack west of Auberive, in Champagne, was repulsed.

There has been a calm elsewhere.

FRENCH OCCUPY A CRATER.

PARIS, November 15th.

An official announcement says:—North of the Somme, the enemy artillery, to which ours vigorously replied, violently bombarded the region of Pressoire and the sector at Biaches.

At La Maisonnette, in Argonne, we occupied a crater which a German mine had created.

At Verdun there has been an intermittent cannonading action in the region of Douaumont and Vaux.

The Balkans.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

DESPERATE FIGHTING ON ROUMANIAN FRONT.

SEVERAL RETIREMENTS.

LONDON, November 15th.

A Roumanian communiqué states:—Between the Uzl and Catin Valleys, on the Moldavian frontier, there have been incessant enemy attacks since October 28th. These have been sanguinarily repulsed.

An enemy attack in the Drago-Lavelle region, which was supported by heavy artillery, compelled the Roumanian left wing to retire. There was fierce fighting on the left bank, all the positions constantly changing hands. Finally the enemy progressed with new and superior forces. The Roumanians, as the result of desperate fighting, were compelled to retreat south of Bumbesti.

EARLIER CABLES.

ROUMANIAN OPERATIONS.

SANGUINARY FIGHTING.

LONDON, November 14th.

A Roumanian communiqué says:—There have been incessant enemy attacks between Uzl Valley and Casino Valley since October 10th, but these have been repulsed sanguinarily. We counter-attacked and captured eighty prisoners, three machine guns and a quantity of war material.

Our left wing, at Drago Slavette, was compelled to give way, and we may also be forced to withdraw to the south of Bumbesti.

On the right bank of the Alt, a Roumanian flotilla bombarded the enemy's left flank at Seimenimari, north of Cernavoda.

SERBIANS SEVERELY ENGAGED.

BIG HAUL OF PRISONERS.

LONDON, November 14th.

A Serbian official message announces:—We fought sanguinarily on November 13th against the Germans and Bulgars at Cernareks. Engagements are continuing and several trenches are repeatedly changing hands. We definitely got possession of important enemy positions near Tepavei at the close of the day. The enemy suffered enormously in killed and wounded. We took a thousand additional prisoners, mostly Germans, together with important booty.

FRANCO-SERBIAN BOOTY.

LONDON, November 15th.

A French official message dealing with the Eastern Army says:—Artillery fire has been very lively between the Cerna and Prespa Lake.

The booty which the French and Serbians captured between November 10th and 12th includes twenty-five guns, of which eight were heavy guns, and much other material. They also took 1,347 prisoners.

ENEMY ATTACKS REPELLED.

November 14th.

A Russian communiqué says:—Enemy attacks in the wooded Carpathians and in the Trotus, Tirlului and Oituz Valleys were repelled.

The Roumanians were forced back slightly in the Alt Valley.

The enemy occupied the village of Bumbesti in the Jiu Valley.

Italian Front.

EARLIER CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

ITALIAN OPERATIONS.

STRAIGHTENING THE LINE.

LONDON, November 14th.

An Italian official message says:—Artillery on both sides has been active on the Trentino front.

We straightened our line at several points in the Carso region and captured a heavy trench mortar.

Naval Activities.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

ABOARD THE "U 49."

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE "COLUMBIAN."

CORUNNA, November 15th.

Captain Curtis, of the American torpedoed steamer *Columbian*, the Captains of two torpedoed Norwegian steamers, and the Captain of one British steamer which was torpedoed, have arrived here after a week aboard the *U 49*. Capt. Curtis says that the *Columbian*, which had 9,000 tons of cargo, and a crew of 109, stopped on demand. He was ordered to abandon the ship, which was then twice torpedoed. He complained of the darkness, bad food and smell of petrol aboard the submarine. When they were allowed on deck they were watched by the crew, who had loaded revolvers. The submarine signalled to a Swedish steamer and ordered this vessel to land the Captains at Corunna.

THE "ARABIA" OUTRAGE.

MALTA, November 15th.

Mr. Paul Daner, who was the only American aboard the *Arabia*, declares absolutely that there was no warning.

EARLIER CABLES.

DUTCH STEAMERS SEIZED.

LONDON, November 14th.

The Germans seized the Dutch steamers *Batavier* and *Import*, bound for England.

The crew of the *Import* took to their boats, but, on the submarine disappearing, they returned to their ship.

General.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

GERMANY'S WAR INDUSTRY.

TREMENDOUS REORGANISATION.

AMSTERDAM, November 15th.

Inspired Berlin telegrams emphasise the tremendous reorganisation of Germany's war industry, which is being carried out by General Groener, the head of the new War Department. They admit it is the direct result of the Somme battle, which showed the immensity of the munitions effort of the Entente, and especially of Great Britain. General Groener is treating Germany like a huge business firm. He is organising all labour for army purposes, assisted by one military and one technical Chief of Staff. The latter is an ex-Director of the Crusson Works, Magdeburg, and he controls iron and steel works, and chemistry. Agriculture and other departments will be supervised by high officers, specially taken from the front, assisted by numerous technical advisers.

The age limits of the German labour levy are from sixteen to sixty. The feeding is to be organised into three classes. The heavy manual and brain workers will have the first call upon fats, meat and stimulants; secondly the lighter labourers' food will be regulated by the character of their work; and, thirdly, the aged and infirm will have the leavings.

There is a prospect of bitter controversy over the compulsory employment of women.

BELGIAN DEPORTATIONS.

"UNFORTUNATE" EFFECT UPON NEUTRAL OPINION.

WASHINGTON, November 15th.

The State Department has instructed the American Charge d'Affairs at Berlin to inform Herr Bethmann-Hollweg that the Belgian deportations have had a most unfortunate effect upon neutral opinion, particularly in the United States, which has the welfare of the Belgians very much at heart.

MAN-POWER OF IRELAND.

LONDON, November 15th.

Major-General Sir B. T. Mahon, who has arrived from Ireland, says it is officially estimated that there are 161,000 Irishmen available for military service.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

MAN-POWER FROM CROWN COLONIES.

LONDON, November 16th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Balfour assured Mr. Wedgwood that Colonial Office influence was directed towards securing the 'largest possible man power from the Crown Colonies.'

GERMANY SURPRISED.

UNDER-ESTIMATED THE BRITISH NATION.

AMSTERDAM, November 15th.

The *Leipziger Neue Nachrichten* says that it is the British obstinacy which necessitates the conversion of Germany into a huge munitions' factory. The paper adds:—"When Kitchener, in 1914, said that the war would begin for England in 1916 we all smiled. We have since been compelled to admit that we under-estimated the British nation. We now know that it is our real enemy, who will ruthlessly use every means to accomplish our downfall. It has not shrunk from sacrificing its personal liberty to accomplish this aim." The same journal urges compulsory joint meals for the whole population.

CHINESE LABOUR CORPS.

LONDON, November 16th.

A *Gazette* states that Temporary Lieut. Colonel Fairfax, of the Liverpool Regiment, has been appointed to command the Chinese Labour Corps.

BRAVERY IN THE FIELD.

LONDON, November 15th.

The D.S.O. decoration has been awarded to Major Gwyn Thomas, of the Bengal Lancers. He advanced through a heavy barrage, and rallied and led forward his troops with great skill, determination, and splendid courage.

The Military Cross has been awarded to Lieut. G. M. Fitzgerald of the Indian Army, who led a squadron forward under heavy fire, capturing and holding an enemy position. Later he remained behind and rescued wounded. He displayed courage and determination throughout.

BRITISH RED CROSS FUND.

LONDON, November 15th.

A letter signed by the Duke of Connaught and the Marquis of Lansdowne mentions that the British Red Cross Fund exceeds £5,000,000.

CANADIAN COMPLAINTS.

OTTAWA, November 15th.

Colonel Sir Sam Hughes, who resigned recently from the position of Minister of Militia and Defence, has made a statement accusing British officers, who did not know their business, of scrapping Canadian equipment, and complaining of the treatment of the Canadians in hospitals.

CO-OPERATION IN INDIA.

LONDON, November 15th.

Presiding at a meeting of the East India Association at the Caxton Hall, at which Mr. B. A. Collins read a paper on "Co-operation in India," Lord Islington said the application of co-operation to industry was of supreme importance in India, and he believed that agriculture could be extended much more surely and rapidly in no other way than by co-operation. Co-operative credit was only the foundation; co-operative sale and purchase were also essential parts of a complete system.

BRITISH STEAMER IN COLLISION.

The British steamer *City of Cairo*, from Rangoon to London, has put into Brest in a sinking condition after a collision with the Greek steamer *Empress*, the crew of which had been picked up.

AUSTRALIAN POLITICS.

MELBOURNE, November 15th.

Mr. Hughes has reconstituted the Federal Cabinet, retaining the Premiership.

AN INDIAN WILL.

LONDON, November 16th.

The Probate Court has granted Rani Habeba Wadhwa letters of administration for the will of her father, Maharaja Sir Goday Gajputram of Vizagapatnam.

EARLIER CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

MESOPOTAMIA SITUATION.

DESPATCH FROM GENERAL LAKE.

LONDON, November 14th.

A despatch from General Lake says that since the fall of Kut no large operations have been undertaken. The troops are resting, recuperating and consolidating during the abatement of the floods. The dried ground has increased the water difficulties.

The Turks still hold the Sannaiyat position and have constructed other lines on the left bank. We dominate Hal and could bombard Kut.

THE COMMONWEALTH MORATORIUM.

LIMITED APPLICATION.

LONDON, November 14th.

It appears that the Commonwealth Moratorium applies only to mortgages or to agreements to purchase. The court's leave will be necessary before foreclosing, and the time allowed to soldiers for repayment of mortgages will be extended to six months after the war.

MUSSULMAN MISSIONERS.

ENTERTAINED IN FRANCE.

PARIS, November 14th.

Political missionaries sent by the Grand Sher'f of Mecca were present at a session of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Mussulman Affairs, held in their honour at the Foreign Ministry, and were afterwards entertained at luncheon.

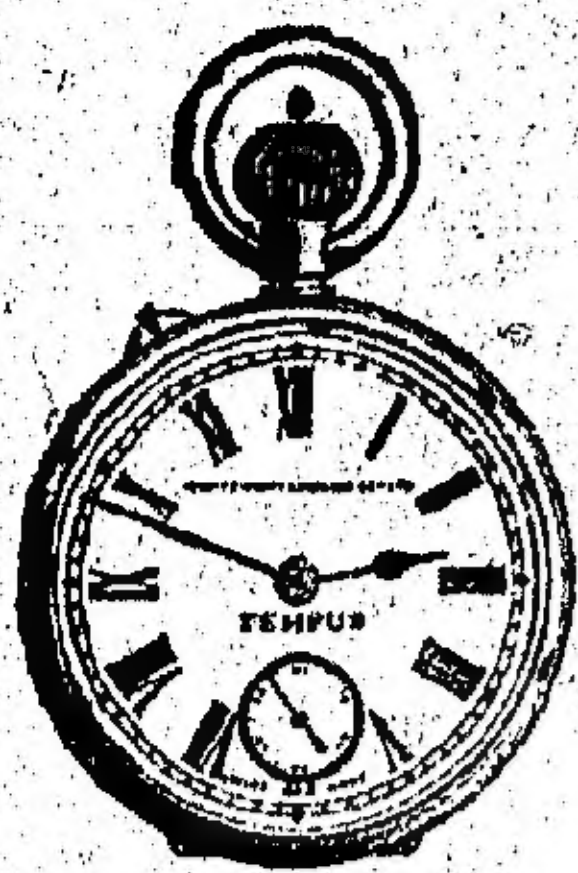
M. Briand visited the hospital for Colonial troops at Nogent-sur-Marne. The Premier decorated the missionaries and colonials and warmly praised the heroism of the French African contingents, whose loyalty, he said, had inseparably bound to France the Mussulmans living under the protection of the French flag.

GT. BRITAIN AND ROUMANIA.

THE ALLIES FULLY ALIVE TO GERMANY'S OBJECT.

In the House of Commons last month, Mr. Dillon said it would be very useful if the Secretary of State for War could say something to convey to the people of Rumania the conviction that Great Britain would strain every nerve to come to their assistance by a strong offensive in Macedonia. It would, he declared, be an unparalleled disaster were Germany allowed to overrun Rumania. (Cheers.) The well-known correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*, Dr. Dillon, had stated that the demands of General Sarraïl had been over and over again ignored, and that when all his requests and the replies which he had received were made public the world would receive a very serious shock. When Dr. Dillon's statements were published they were instantly met by a statement from Colonel Repington, who was not an ordinary newspaper correspondent and might be regarded as occupying the position of a statesman. In view of the great forces behind Colonel Repington, any communication from him must be seriously considered. He countered Dr. Dillon's statement by saying that he trusted we should have no more of these amateur expeditions diverting attention from the one great point on which the whole effort of the country ought to be concentrated—namely, the Western front. Rumour had been in circulation for a long time that a struggle had been going on behind the scenes between the General Staff in England and certain other influences as to whether the Salonika Expedition should be starved and ultimately abandoned. For his part, he believed that the war would be decided in the Balkans, and that if we allowed Rumania to be overrun success might be denied to us.

Mr. Lloyd George—I am afraid I could not possibly answer the hon. member without entering upon subjects which are extremely perilous in their nature. The hon. member wants an assurance with regard to the campaign in Rumania, and the efforts we are making to assist Rumania. Of course, I cannot possibly do that, and he will understand why it is impossible for me to do so, but I can assure him that the Government are fully alive to the necessity of giving every support in their power to the gallant armies of Rumania in the very vicious attack which has been made upon her. We have not the least doubt that Germany is concentrating her strength in the hope of crushing her. She is doing it not merely from the point of view of her own interests, but in a spirit of resentment and vengeance because these brave people have dared to challenge her power so near to her own home. The Allied countries are fully alive to that, and my hon. friend may depend upon it that every effort will be made by this country and by others to protect the Rumanian Army against an effort of that kind. Of course, I cannot go beyond that in the discussion to-night.



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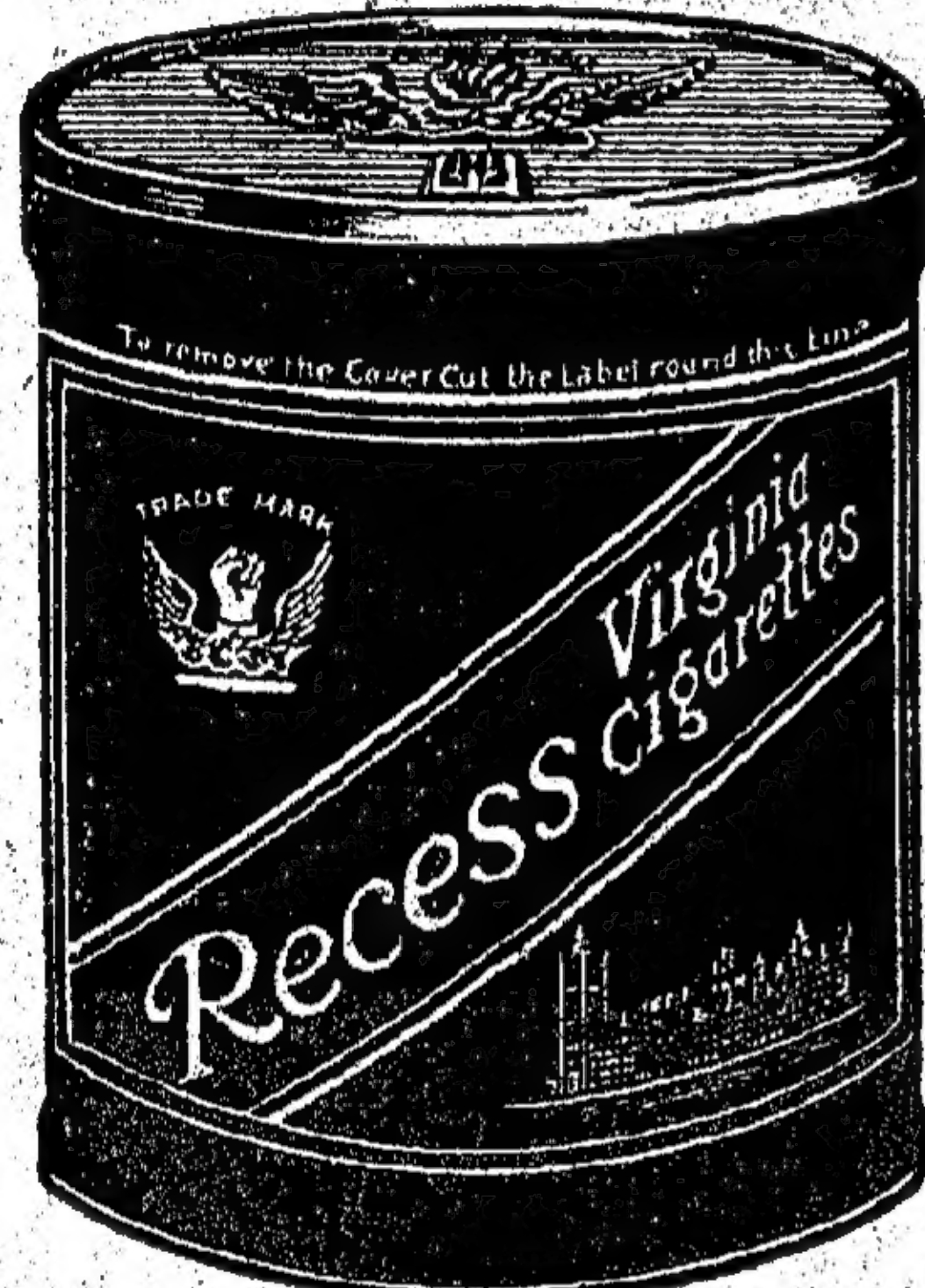
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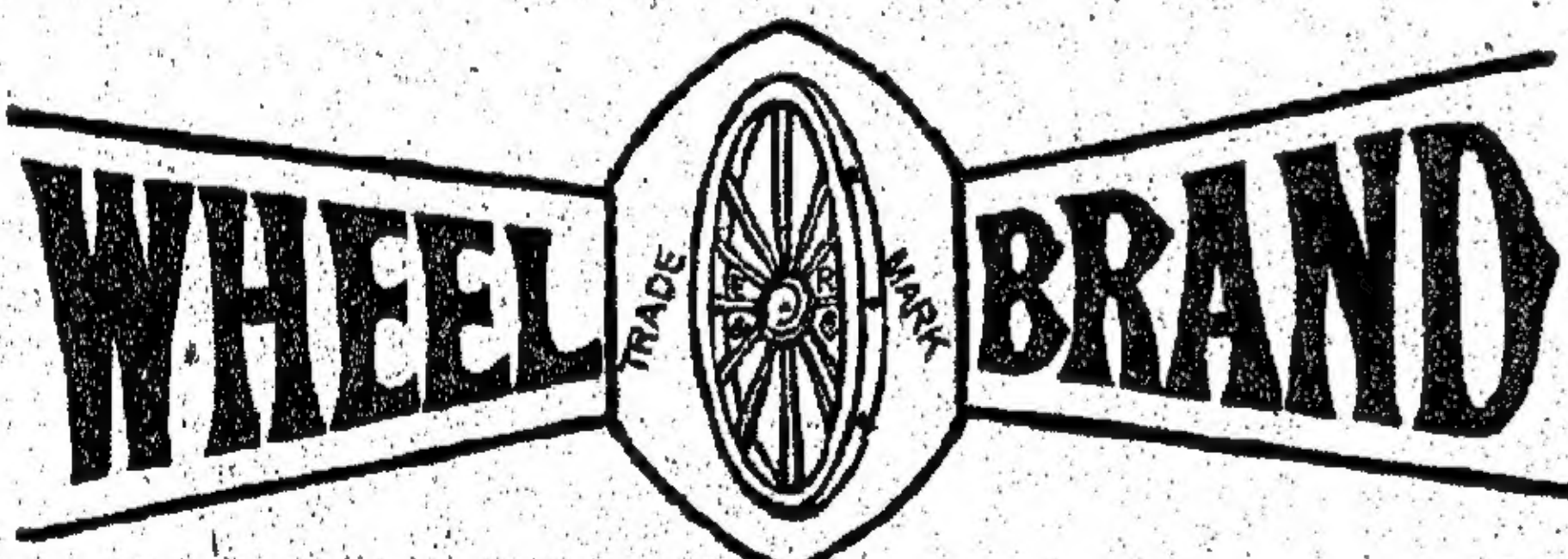
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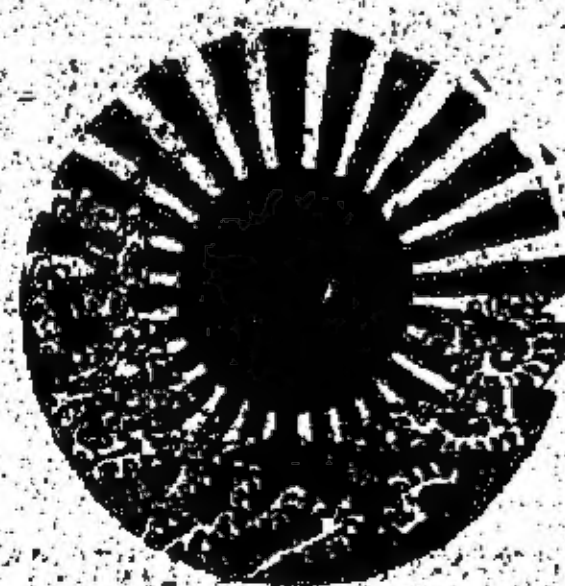
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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 15th at 11.30.—No returns from Japanese stations.

Observations received from the interior of China last night indicate the existence of two anti-cyclones, one central over N.E. China, and one over S.W. China.

Pressure changes since yesterday are small except over the Philippines, where it has decreased moderately. A depression appears to have formed to the east of the Visayas.

Strong monsoon is indicated along the east coast of China, and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since 1st January, 78.81 inches, against an average of 81.39 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day is as follows:—

DISTRICT	FORECAST.
Hongkong to Gap Road	—(N.E. winds, strong; fine.)
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THROUGH CENTRAL BORNEO.

DR. CARL LUMBOLTZ'S DISCOVERIES IN "PROMISED LAND" OF EXPLORERS.

DIYAK LEGEND WHICH FORESHADOWED THE ZEPPELINS.

The following special cable from Dr. Carl Lumboltz, the Norwegian traveller, describing his recent scientific explorations in Central Borneo, was published last month by *The Daily Chronicle*. Dr. Lumboltz's discoveries throw new light on the customs and character of the natives, and he has secured many valuable records and 174 anthropological measurements of the remote but friendly Dyaks of the Upper Mahakkhan.

BATAVIA (Java). Ever since my camping life with the aborigines of Queensland a good many years ago it has been my desire to explore New Guinea, the promised land of all those who are fond of nature and anxious to discover fresh secrets.

The English Royal Geographical Society, as well as the Dutch and Norwegian Geographical Societies, generously assisted me with grants, and in 1914, after having first paid a visit to Bulungan, in Dutch Borneo, in order to engage the necessary Dyaks, I was getting ready to start for Dutch New Guinea when war broke out.

The Governor-General in these circumstances regretted his inability to give me either a ship or a military escort. He advised me to wait for a more favourable opportunity. While thus waiting I decided to make an expedition to Central Borneo, large tracts of which are unexplored and unknown to the outside world. In this enterprise I received the valuable assistance of his Excellency and the higher officials of the Dutch Government, to all of whom I wish to express my heartfelt thanks.

Briefly, my plans were to start from Bangarassin in the south, and to ascend the Barito river, branching thence into its northern tributary, the Busang, and crossing the watershed to the Mahakkhan or Koti river. Following this to its mouth, I should reach the sea on the east coast near Samarinda. This journey I found would take me through a country where the tribes had never been scientifically studied.

AMONG THE MURANG DYAKS.

On August 15th of last year I left Batavia in Java for Dutch Borneo, returning on September 21st, while I was waiting for fresh photographic supplies from London.

The first two months of the expedition were spent among the Murang Dyaks, on the Laong, a distant tributary of the Barito, and on December 9th, 1915, I was able to begin my journey through Central Borneo. The Government sent with me a lieutenant, a sergeant, and five native soldiers as an escort, as well as a photographer and a surveyor.

We embarked at Bangarassin in the Government river steamer *Otto*, which, on account of the shallow waters, is propelled by large wheels at the stern. We enjoyed beautiful weather, and there was not a ripple on the water. The broad river winds in large curves, and its placid surface reflects the sky, and the jungle on the banks with wonderful accuracy.

After about five days' travelling, for we anchored at night, the water became reddish and speckled with foam. It was in this neighbourhood that 11 years ago an end was put to a violent Malay revolution. As usual the revolt was headed by a pretender to the Sultanate. The steamer in which I travelled was a reminder of these days, for it has gun mountings on its deck and my cabin is armoured.

ON THE BUSANG RAPIDS.

On leaving the steamer we bought six native boats, and after some difficulty secured Malay boatmen. The far better boats have been pushed inland by the dominating Malays. The higher we went up the river the more difficult it was to retain the men. They demanded exorbitant wages, and finally all returned except four. This happened at a critical stage, just when we were about to enter the great accumulation of rapids which make travel on the Busang a matter of peculiar difficulty. We had already ascended very considerable rapids in the Upper Barito, one being more than half a mile long, but the more difficult ones were yet to come.

We were in somewhat hilly country, and when it rains the current flows with such violence that travel is impossible. I have seen the Busang rise over six feet in a couple of hours, and starting with seven or eight inches every two minutes. Usually February and March are very wet, and delay for two months owing to the rain and the rapids is always within the bounds of possibility. Vast stretches of the country are uninhabited except for stray Malays.

The lieutenant in charge of the soldiers went ahead to Tamaloe, a solitary Dyak village on the upper part of the river, to try to hire the necessary men for transport. A fortnight later we got 25 carriers, and were enabled to resume the journey. In the meantime the photographer and the surveyor had recovered from dysentery, but the photographer had other complications, and was obliged to return to the coast, so I myself undertook this work. As the taxidermist was sick, attacked by dysentery and had to go home I taught a soldier to prepare skins. I was glad to be able to start on the journey.

The weather was favourable, and in ten days we had ascended the principal rapids. Frequently the stores had to be unloaded and carried overland, and the boats also were dragged over the big stones which form the banks of the river. When we came to the Penyahong country we encountered natives of the Muller mountains. They are a quiet, hardy people of nomadic habits, and they have lately been induced to form villages and cultivate rice.

It is the custom among them for the young man to pay for his bride with a sword or a gong. There is, however, no marriage ceremony. Divorce is very rare. If the husband dies the widow for one month fasts every other day, and for one year she is expected to weep morning and evening. At the end of this period she is allowed to remarry.

We met six natives who had been hunting the rhinoceros in the west. The horn of the animal when powdered is in great demand by the Chinese as a medicine, and fetches a high price. An expedition may last for two months. The hunters carry no provisions, and live on sago and what animals they can kill. When there is a scarcity of food they frequently go three or four days merely on water, and stay the pangs of hunger with tobacco. I was told that a man would tackle a rhinoceros with a spear single-handed, though the beast is very difficult to kill.

The great difficulty of getting men to accompany us in our journey northwards having been overcome, we proceeded in our boats, which for the most part were poled only in the shallow streams. One day we were surprised by the arrival of a Saputan chief with two companions in a boat. They brought with them a dog, a blowpipe for darts, and a recently killed pig. Rumours of our party had reached Saputan, in the country north of the watershed. The chief with 30 men had been awaiting our arrival for nine days at the watershed, but their provisions gave out, and all returned except the three whom we welcomed.

FORMER CAVE-DWELLERS.

The current was very swift, and a distance that takes only a few hours to descend may occupy several days in ascent. Occasionally quiet pools are passed. Graceful trees, many covered with orchids of brilliant hues, bend over the water. Creepers hang down everywhere. The beautiful scenery draws you on and on, and you travel in a placid silence. The surface of the water is seldom disturbed by splashing fish. There is a scarcity of animal life. Silence and peace reign supreme; one is not even troubled by mosquitoes, and consequently there is no malaria. Passing through this superb silent landscape was like a pleasant dream.

The watershed was easily crossed at a height of about 1,400 ft. Not far from the Muller mountains we came upon the Upper Kasso River, which is inhabited by Saputans. They are a crude, friendly people, who, a hundred years ago, were mere cave-dwellers in the mountains to the east. Latterly we had had much rain, and the journey altogether had been laborious. The worst difficulties, however, were past, and during our stay at Saputan I had the good fortune to take a cinematograph picture of the ceremony of the piercing of a chief's ears. It is their privilege to wear a tiger's tooth inserted in a hole in the upper part of each ear.

The chief was seated, and a board was placed behind his head. Friends and supporters assisted at the operation, which consisted of an empty rifle cartridge being forced through his ear. Blood streamed down, and the man, apparently of a very robust type, seemed to be near fainting. A medicine man was hurriedly summoned, and he clasped his hands over the ears, and then, craning them, produced a small stone. This he threw into the river.

I was told that this stone was the supposed cause of the chief's illness. The scene was brought to a dramatic conclusion by the exhausted chief being ignominiously carried away on the back of a young man. During the afternoon more pebbles were produced by the same sleight of hand, and a pig was killed in order to appease the bad spirit which had caused the chief's illness.

On a fresh, beautiful morning we started down the Kasso river, which was swollen and discoloured. On the yellowish green current we drifted swiftly. Now and again the most enchanting fragrance was wafted to us from the white flowers of a large tree which grew profusely on the banks. The natives we had very accomplished boatmen and took us safely through the rapids. Amid the rushing and foaming waters a false move would have been awkward, to say the least. But the rapid movement amid the turbulent, roaring stream gave one a delightful feeling of physical exhilaration in spite of the burning sun.

TOBOGANING—BY WATER.

The most exciting passage was reserved for the afternoon. We were being carried rapidly along with the current when suddenly we came upon a small waterfall and, turning sharply to the left, encountered another. More than a third of the boat was in the air as we jumped it. After a few moments of comparative quiet we again dashed into boiling water, and making a turn to the right at a furious speed we glided after a time into smoother waters. These were common, but not less thrilling experiences. It reminded one of tobogganing in Norway and was great fun, though one's enjoyment was always mingled with feelings of anxiety for the cameras and instruments.

The native boatmen seemed to me quite reckless, but they are very skilful and generally manage to steer clear of the almost invisible rocks with which the course of the river is studded. A man is stationed in the bow of the boat, and shouts his warnings of hidden danger at full tension. A foot or two one way or another may make all the difference between safety and disaster. One of our boats was upset in this way, but luckily the damage was not irreparable. In the region of the Upper Mahakkhan River, where we had now arrived, nearly 10,000 Dyaks of various tribes live. The first European to enter the Mahakkhan district was the Dutch ethnologist, Nieuwenhuis, who came from the west. In addition to a scientific research his mission was a political one, and he sought by peaceful means to win the natives to Dutch allegiance. In this he succeeded, though not without difficulty and danger. Though he was considerate and generous, one of the chiefs twice tried to kill him.

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DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S FAREWELL.

CANADA FOR BRITISH STOCK.

The Duke of Connaught, Governor-General, delivered a farewell address at the Canadian Club last month. The large gathering was a striking testimony to the country's appreciation of the Duke's services.

The Duke of Connaught, in bidding farewell, said, "Canada's future is assured by its strong independence, its proud traditions and its same democracy, and the Dominion is bound to take a leading part in the Empire's future." He was proud of Canada's response to the war call. It had taken its share in a magnificent manner, and had raised three million sterling to support 55,000 soldiers' dependents. To the Red Cross it had given six million pounds in supplies and two million pounds in money, and it had also helped all the Allied nations. The Duke roused great enthusiasm by advocating that the immigrants into Canada should be British.

"You will be wise," he said, "in insisting that immigrants after the war should be of British stock. You know you can always depend on those of British origin. Who are serving their King and country now? Those of British birth, or those who have recently become Canadians? If anyone dared to go into detail it would be found that most of those of military age who remain in Canada are of alien origin. You must populate the country with those of our own traditions."

The sadness of the war would be forgotten in the greatness produced in the people. He regretted leaving Canada, and hoped to return.

Sir Robert Borden said the ideals of duty and service of his Royal Highness had inspired the Canadian people. Canada, appreciated his devotion to duty. The Crown was the symbol of the unity of the Empire, and the Duke, as the representative of the Crown, had strengthened the bonds between Canada and the Motherland. His service had been earnest, zealous, and indefatigable. He asked the Duke to carry a message to Great Britain from Canada that her allegiance was firm and her duty would be done. He would send a message to the Canadian soldiers that Canada appreciated their services, and he gave a pledge that no effort should be spared in giving them support until victory had been won. In conclusion he paid a splendid tribute to the Duke, the Duchess, and Princess Patricia.

REMOTE YET FRIENDLY.

The Dyaks of the Upper Mahakkhan are friendly to strangers, and as the great rapids down the river form a natural barrier they seldom receive visitors, and are little changed by outside influence. The Mohammedan Malays, for instance, have never been able to extend their influence above the rapids.

Luckily for the Dyaks, and incidentally for ethnology, these natives possess a fine muscular development. The women are well formed and move with grace and freedom. The head hunting part of the native religion has been practically suppressed by Dutch influence, and so far as I could ascertain the last case of the kind in this region was at least five years ago.

Apart from this repulsive custom, which now seems to have been eradicated, at any rate in this region, the Dyaks have many good qualities. They are quiet, trustworthy, and industrious, and among them their is unknown. Their carving is good, and even the wooden piles of the huts are artistically arranged. They recognise classes and the nobles, whom the rest obey. Though their clothing is very scanty they bear themselves with great dignity.

Women as well as men practise their primitive medicine, and the former are as much in demand as the male doctors. Part of the treatment consists of a dirge sung by the practitioners, and when there is an epidemic of sickness the night is made very melancholy by this professional chorus. The tattoo marks of these natives generally represent some part of the durian, the famous fruits of which so much has been written, and I may add that to taste the durian is worth a journey to the Orient.

One of the favourite games of the natives is top spinning. They also use this means of "tossing up" when they are in doubt as to the best site for a new ricefield.

A TRIBAL LEGEND.

Had it been possible I should have liked to have stayed in this region years instead of months. In spite of their objection to photography and anthropological measurements, I was able to secure many photographs and cinematograph films. I also took the measurements of 174 individuals. The ethnological collection is fairly comprehensive, and includes children's games and folk-lore, and numerous short vocabularies. One of the tribes has an elaborate legend of a flying boat which foreshadows the Zeppelin or aeroplane, neither of which, of course, has been heard of in these parts. Nearly a thousand birds and mammals were collected, besides fish and reptiles. I bring back also an excellent map, correcting the errors of previous cartographers, especially in the watershed region of Central Borneo.

The climate is quite good, and mosquitoes are extremely rare. Only a mild form of malaria is experienced, and there is no prickly heat.

For six months we were without any mail. On our return we passed the Mahakkhan great rapids in safety in three days. Many Dyaks have lost their lives there, and only recently a foreign trader was drowned. We arrived at Samarinda on August 22nd, having during nine months covered by river a distance of over 1,000 miles. In native boats and nearly half as much in the steamer.

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NOVARA	Dec. 29	"MOOLTAN"	Jan. 28	Feb. 4
SOMALI	Jan. 12	"KASHGAR"	Feb. 12	Feb. 18
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